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Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.7/Rev.1

Report of the Fifth Committee

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1. At its 28th and 30th meetings, on 16 and 23 December 2003, the Fifth Committee, pursuant to rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, considered the statement by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/58/31) of the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.7/Rev.1. The Committee also had before it the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/58/7/Add.26). The draft decision submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations was before the Committee (see A/C.5/58/L.53, sect. F).

2. Statements and comments made in the course of the Committee's consideration of this question are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/58/SR.28 and 30).

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Decision of the Fifth Committee

3. The Fifth Committee, having considered the statement of programme budget implications submitted by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/58/31) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/58/7/Add.26), decides to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.7/Rev.1, a provision of $1,338,700 would be required in the biennium 2004-2005 as follows: section 2, General Assembly affairs and conference services, $1,331,700; and section 29E, Administration, Geneva, $7,000. Under the procedures established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 of 19 December 1986 and 42/211 of 21 December 1987, these provisions would represent a charge against the contingency fund.